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Microsoft has gained and maintained its monopoly in the PC desktop Operating System market by enforcing an anti-competitive boot loader license with its OEM customers. As you know, this license prohibited Microsoft OEM customers from installing non Microsoft Operating Systems on the same computer that includes Windows. This license leveraged the Microsoft Windows market share to prevent the computer manufacturers from differentiating their computers by including non-Microsoft products. This license effectively killed such products as BeOS and OS2.

The appropriate remedy is to modify this license to require Microsoft OEM customers to include a non Microsoft Operating system. This would put microsoft in a position of actively repairing the damage it has caused to the Computer Operating system market. Microsoft may indeed have to resurrect a competing OS to allow its customers to bundle Windows with their computers.

The personal computer industry would benefit by allowing the manufacturers to once again differentiate their products. This would benefit the consumer by allowing them to buy a computer with an alternate Operating System to Windows. This would also make the Internet more resilient as there would be a more diverse environment and consumers would be less vulnerable to virus attack.

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